

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of international schools are functioning in various parts of the country without the approval of the Union Government/State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) At present there are about 180 schools in India, which are affiliated to foreign boards. The state-wise distribution of these schools is not maintained in this Ministry. School education primarily comes under the purview of State Governments. For affiliation/recognition, schools apply directly to the concerned Boards/State Governments as per procedure laid down.

(c) An expert committee was constituted by this Ministry in February 2006 to suggest a policy, inter-alia, regarding setting up of schools affiliated to foreign boards in India. Recommendations of the Committee have been received and are under consideration.